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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MEDIA ATTACKS ON EGYPT

REF: TRIPOLI 365

1. LIBYAN MEDIA ATTACKS ON SADAT HAVE SO FAR DRAWN NO DIRECT REACTION AT ALL FROM EGYPTIAN PRESS. GUMHURIYYA APRIL 2, FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTS SPEAKER MAR'I HAS HAD MEETING WITH LARGE DEL FROM AWLAD ALI TRIBE, WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED "POLITICAL AND INTERNAL QUESTIONS". TRIBE'S CONNECTION WITH LIBYA IS NOT MENTIONED. FURTHER, ASAD'S VISIT TO LIBYA HAS RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NO COVERAGE IN EGYPTIAN PAPERS.

2. COMMENT: GOE POLICY OF DEGNIFIED SILENCE IS GENERALLY POPULAR HERE. EQUATING SADAT WITH A "DOG" AND EXPANDING HEAVY HANDED SARCASM TO INCLUDE MRS. SADAT ANGERS MANY, AS MIGHT BE PREDICTED. SOME EGYPTIANS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ASAD'S VISIT WHICH THEY SUSPECT MAY BE OPENING GAMBIT IN SARG/PLO EFFORT DRAW LARG INTO COHERENT UNIFIED "FRONT", GEARED TO MOVE POLITICALLY AGAINST ANY GOE FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE WHICH THEY
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